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1. POST NOMINATES CONOFF NORMAN A. SINGER
(FSO-4) TO ATTEND CONSULAR CONFERENCE IN TUNIS.

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL CONSULAR PROBLEM AREAS
WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO PARTICIPANTS AT
THE CONFERENCE. FIRST, THERE HAVE BEEN A
NUMBER OF PASSPORT FRAUD CASES WHERE STUDENTS
OF LOCAL BIBLICAL INSTITUTES HAVE SOLD THEIR
U.S. PASSPORTS FOR DOLLARS SEVERAL HUNDRED TO
ENABLE AN ISRAELI CITIZEN TO IMPORT CONSUMER
GOODS WITHOUT THE USUAL DUTY. THESE INDIVIDUALS
HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY APPLIED FOR REPLACEMENT
PASSPORTS. THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, EASTERN
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, RECENTLY DECLINED TO PROSECUTE
ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY FINE
POSED BY THE ISRAELI COURT. (SEE DEPARTMENT' OM
ON FEB. 11, 1977 ON BARRY SING ER). SECOND,
THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF STUDENT VISA CASES,
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WHICH HAVE RECENTLY COME TO OUR ATTENTION, WHERE
TRAVEL AGENTS HAVE OBTAINED SIGNED I-20'S FROM
CERTAIN UNIVERSITIES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO WHOMEVER
THEY SEE FIT, REGARDLESS OF ONE'S QUALIFICATIONS.
A FEE OF UP TO DOLLARS 200 IS USUALLY PAID BY THE
PROSPECTIVE STUDENT FOR THIS SERVICE. (SEE
JERUSALEM'S A-31 OF MARCH 18, 1977). FINALLY, THERE

IS THE PROBLEM OF ADJUDICATING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS
OF U.S. CITIZENS WHO AUTOMATICALLY OBTAIN ISRAELI
NATIONALITY UNDER THE LAW OF RETURN SHORTLY AFTER
THEIR ARRIVAL HERE. THIS LATTER CASE IS UNIQUE TO
ISRAEL AND MAY NOT BE OF INTEREST TO PARTICIPANTS OF
THE CONFERENCE.

3. CONSUL SINGER WOULD PREFER TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ON
THE PASSPORT FRAUD CASES.

4. TENTATIVE ARRIVAL TUNIS APRIL 18 AND DEPARTURE APRIL 22.

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